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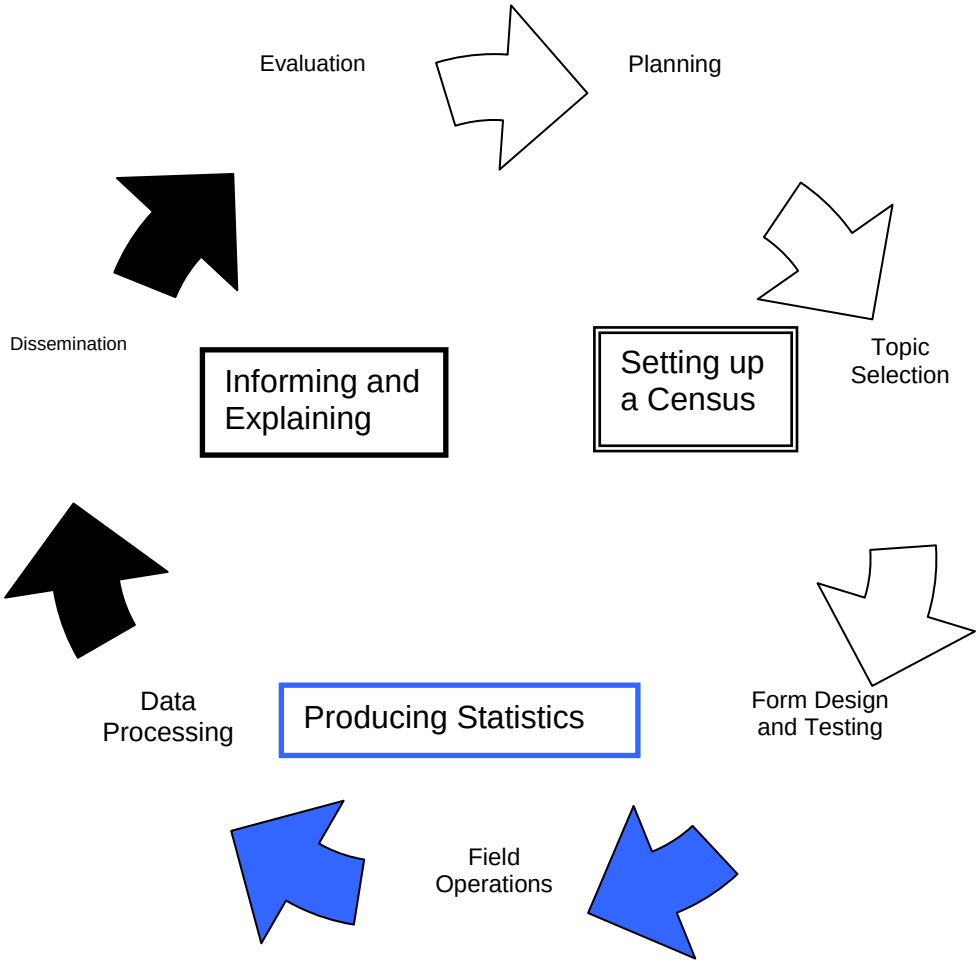
Cycling Through Census



The ABS Census Cycle

Task: Make your own Census cycle

Above is a diagram showing the ABS Census Cycle. On the next page are the cycle steps and explanations for each step, but they are all jumbled up.

1. Cut out the cycle steps and explanations.
2. Using the ABS Census Cycle above as a guide, assemble the steps and explanations in the correct order
3. Glue your cycle down on an A3 sheet of paper to make a poster, leaving enough space for you to draw pictures of each stage of the cycle.
4. Draw in your arrows, pictures to describe each stage, and give your cycle a title.

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Informing and Explaining	Thousands of extra staff are hired across Australia to give out and collect Census forms.	
The public, stakeholders and Census users submit advice on topics to be included in the next Census		Planning
Data Processing	Data is sent from the Data Processing Centre to Census Output. About eleven months after Census night, the first data is released.	
Previous Census is reviewed, and feedback is received from the public and Census users.		Field Operations
Producing Statistics	A Census is planned seven years ahead of Census night.	
Major testing of about 20000 houses, and then a dress rehearsal of about 40000 houses occurs a couple of years before Census night.		**Setting up a Census**
Evaluation	Topic Selection	Dissemination
Form Design and Testing	All forms are delivered to the Data Processing Centre, which scans, read and converts about eight million forms, which takes about twelve months. After scanning, all of the forms are destroyed.	